

HERALD TRIBUNE

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# THREE GUILTY IN STATUE OF LIBERTY PLOT

Three men were convicted last night of conspiring to blow up the Statue of Liberty, the Liberty Bell and the Washington Monument.

A jury of 11 men and one woman deliberated for four hours before reaching a verdict in the 18-day trial in Federal Court, Foley Square.

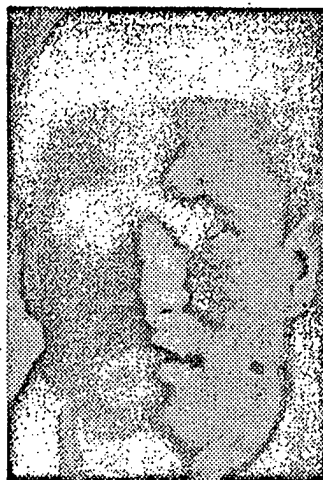
Convicted were Robert S. Collier, 28; Walter A. Bowe, 33, and Khaleel S. Sayyed, 22. All are members of the Black Liberation Front and all could receive sentences of five years in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

A fourth defendant, Michele Duclos, pleaded guilty earlier, and she testified against the other three. The blonde Montreal television personality will be sentenced when the three convicted yesterday are sentenced.

Judge Herlands announced later that he will sentence the three men at 2 p. m. Thursday, two hours after the scheduled sentencing of Miss Duclos.

The judge refused to grant bail, remarking cryptically: "Under the circumstances disclosed by the evidence, the court will remand the defendants without bail pending sentence."

Defense attorneys claimed



Robert S. Collier



Walter A. Bowe



Khaleel S. Sayyed

the dynamite plot was the brainchild of New York City police officials, who had planted a Negro undercover policeman among the alleged plotters. The policeman, Detective Raymond A. Wood, was the chief witness against the three.

The three-hour charge by Federal Judge William B. Herlands took note of defense claims that the trio had been "entrapped" by Wood.

Judge Herlands said that

Wood's undercover work might be considered entrapment only if he were found to have induced the three men to commit a crime, but not if he merely appeared to go along with it.

"Criminal activity," the judge said, "is such that sometimes stealth and strategy are necessary . . . by enforcement agencies." He added there is a difference between "entrapment of the innocent and a trap for criminals."

It was the cloak-and-dagger work of Wood, a rookie policeman, that led to the arrest of the three men Feb. 16, along with Miss Duclos.

Wood described in court how he joined the Black Liberation Front members and made a trip with Collier to Canada, where they sought explosives from Canadian Separatist elements.

Miss Duclos transported the explosives from Canada to a Bronx parking lot before po-

lice, acting on information from Wood, swooped down on the alleged conspirators and arrested them and seized the dynamite.

After receiving the case shortly before 3 p. m. yesterday, the jurors deliberated for half an hour before asking the court for exhibits in evidence and for readings from testimony.

The first request came from the jury room at 3:20 p. m., asking to inspect a little blue-gray diary of Collier, the alleged ringleader.

The little book contained entries of last Feb. 13, 14 and 15 that were read to the jury during the trial by Assistant U. S. Attorney Stephen Kaufman.

"Statue arm is the most vulnerable," one entry began. The same notations mentioned the steel structure in the Statue of Liberty, saying, in part, "blowing the support structure for the arm could topple or tear off a good part of statue."

The government claimed they hatched their fantastic scheme to dynamite three of the nation's most cherished shrines in violent resentment over treatment of Negroes in America.